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1. EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FRENCH GUIANA
FISHERY (ROLAND-GOSSELIN) INFORMED MISSION OFFICER JUNE 23
THAT JUNE 22 EXPERTS GROUP MEETING HAD PRODUCED AGREEMENT
ON A REVISED REGULATION GOVERNING SHRIMP FISHING IN
FRENCH GUIANA WATERS. THE REGULATION, WHICH WILL BE
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VALID THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, PROVIDES FOR AN INCREASE IN
TOTAL LICENSES AVAILABLE TO U.S. FLAG VESSELS, BUT WITH
RESTRICTIONS ON THE NUMBER OF VESSELS TO BE PERMITTED TO
FISH SIMULTANEOUSLY. ALTHOUGH ROLAND-GOSSELIN DECLINED
TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC FIGURES TO MISSION OFFICER, HE
INDICATED THAT THE FIGURES ARE SOMEWHAT IN EXCESS OF
THOSE CONVEYED TO MISSION OFFICERS ON JUNE 16 BY DIRECTOR

FOR EXTERNAL FISHERIES, RAYMOND SIMONNET, WHO HAD SPECULATED ABOUT A TOTAL OF 110 LICENSES WITH A LIMITATION OF 75 FISHING AT ANY ONE TIME (REFTEL B). A GERMAN PERM REP OFFICIAL SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED MISSION OFFICER THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE PERMITTED 81 VESSELS TO FISH SIMULTANEOUSLY UNDER THE NEW REGULATION.

2. ROLAND-GOSSELIN INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED REGULATION WILL BE SUBMITTED TO COREPER FOR REVIEW ON JUNE 24 AND TO THE FISHERY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL ON JUNE 27. HE TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT FRENCH EXPERTS AT THE JUNE 22 MEETING CONTINUED TO PUSH FOR A LINK BETWEEN LICENSING AND LANDING OF CATCHES IN FRENCH GUIANA; BUT HE INDICATED THAT THE COMMISSION OPPOSED THIS CONCEPT AND THAT THE REGULATION WILL NOT CONTAIN ANY SUCH CLAUSE. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AN IRISH PERM REP OFFICIAL THAT THE JUNE 22 MEETING REACHED GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT THE EC SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS INFORMALLY FOR U.S. CONSIDERATION ON THE QUESTION OF LANDING CATCHES IN FRENCH GUIANA AS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THAT TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

4. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH EC COMMISSION FISHERIES OFFICIAL FARNELL, MISSION OFFICER EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL TALKS BETWEEN THE EC AND THE U.S. STILL STANDS AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE DOES NOT JUSTIFY ANY LIMITATION ON SHRIMP FISHING IN THE BRAZIL-GUIANA FISHERY. FARNELL TOOK NOTE OF THESE REMARKS AND AGREED THAT TALKS WOULD BE USEFUL BUT GAVE NO INDICATION OF WHEN THE COMMISSION WOULD REPLY TO OUR PROPOSAL. FARNELL STRESSED THAT THE REGULATION TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL ON MONDAY GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS MEETING U.S. REQUESTS BUT ADDED THAT, IF EVIDENCE OF THE NEED FOR FURTHER LICENSES COULD BE PROVIDED, THE REGULATION COULD ALWAYS BE AMENDED.

5. COMMENT: AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, THIS NEW REGULATION, AS DESCRIBED BY ROLAND-GOSSELIN, WOULD SEEM TO BE ACCEPTABLE FOR AT LEAST THE SHORT TERM, IN VIEW OF DEPARTMENT'S EARLIER POSITION (REFTEL C) THAT U.S. MIGHT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A LIMITATION OF 65 VESSELS FISHING SIMULTANEOUSLY. IN ABSENCE OF FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT, MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR TECHNICAL TALKS WITH THE EC, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ABOUT POSITION WE SHOULD TAKE ON REGULATION IF AMENDED AS ABOVE. MORRIS

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